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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1932.

Not Prepared to Help
SECRETARY HUGHES' cable message to Bishop Cannon means simply this, though the language of the author is, of course, different: the United States can do nothing more than timidly to dabble in the Near Eastern situation because the foreign policy of the United States for the past two years has made any other course impracticable.

Bishop Cannon had cabled from Paris asking if our government would not "realize this opportunity as a great Christian nation, politically disinterested, to demand that earnings, outrages, and massacres cease, and thus effectively prevent the probable repetition in Constantinople and Thessalonica of the Smyrna horror." To this, Mr. Hughes last night replied that the most earnest representations had been made to the Turkish Nationalist government, and would continue to be made, in behalf of the Near Eastern minorities; that our government has "not failed in any way to make the sentiment of the American people understood and to take every appropriate action"; that the power of the executive ends there, and Congress has authorized no attempt to pacify the Near East by armed forces or to engage in acts of war. As will be recalled, the United States has also formally stated its approval of the allied plan for maintaining freedom of the Straits.

Having severed as effectually as possible its contacts with the Old World, the United States government, naturally, is not disposed to regard the present emergency as a suitable occasion for a resumption of partnership. The European reaction to our aloofness is indicated by the attitude toward possible American participation in the proposed conference on Near Eastern problems. Entire readiness to welcome American participation has been suggested, but the question of an outright invitation clearly has been one of considerable embarrassment. The view, in some quarters at least, seemed to be that, while our place obviously was alongside the other powers in the conference, we have so persistently avoided any such contact as to make it impossible to invite us.

With such a background as our recent foreign policies provide, it is easy to sympathize with the view at Washington that this government may not now, with fitness or with safety, make its hand very conspicuous in the Near Eastern tangle. It would have been extremely difficult to choose more inauspicious moment for complete demolishing the barriers we have erected against rushing back to assume the role of arbiter and savior. There is as yet, however, not the slightest degree of certainty that the United States will be able to maintain the detachment it might desire. Our naval force in Near Eastern waters is being re-enforced, "to protect our interests."

What those interests are now, what they may become under certain conditions, these are questions for which no one seems to have any certain answer. What does our approval of the allied policy respecting the Straits and the Christian minorities mean? Is it something we are to support by "representations" or a principle behind which our warships will stand—as warships?

"Nobody knows. What everybody must know, however, including even the administration, is that this country is being drawn, as it must always be drawn under such circumstances, into contact with an explosive situation. That we are merely groping in the approach only renders more obvious and more acute the perils inherited from two years of do-nothingism and isolation."

The Fair and the Small Farmer
NO one at all closely associated with the Virginia State Fair in the past decade can fail to be impressed with the steadily growing importance of exhibits produced by small growers and by boys and girls. In other years only those who farmed on a larger scale had means and resources to evolve prize products, were there with their exhibitors. Year by year more and more space has been demanded, and liberally allotted by the management to farm demonstration agents, who collect from their people specimens of grain and vegetables and fruits and live stock, and

bring them to Richmond and take home the prizes.

Men and women who never thought of the Fair now take pride in being represented. Boys and girls have their interest in life on the farm stimulated by their natural pride in finding their efforts worth showing to the people of the State.

Farm demonstration deserves most of the credit. The agent takes the science and accumulated experience of the nation to the most remote tiller of the soil. Then he takes the product and shows the visitors to the Fair and those not yet fully awake to their possibilities, what may be accomplished. The sympathetic co-operation of the State Fair directorate has done the rest.

One Powerful Deterrent

STATEMENTS given to the press by representative leaders in the field of finance gathered at New York for the annual meeting of the American Bankers' Association are singularly identical in substance. In so far as these expressions relate to the general economic trend and outlook, they may be divided broadly, with hardly an exception, into two parts: conviction that the country is well on the way to a season of substantial prosperity, and an equally solid conviction that progress would be much more rapid and the measure of prosperity far greater if this nation were performing its proper part in the rehabilitation of Europe.

Regardless of the section for which any particular banker undertook to speak, the expression almost invariably followed the same general lines. It is not the custom of bankers generally to speak with noticeable freedom of "booms"; their language ordinarily is that of the more conservative observer. But outstanding representatives of North, South, East and West agreed that in their respective sections the economic trend is distinctly upward. A poll of the leading members present in New York indicated, according to a correspondent, "unanimous satisfaction with the nation's progress upward from the valley of post-war depression."

But unanimity on this point failed to exceed that displayed with respect to the failure of the United States to adopt an intelligent international program. The following portion of the statement from M. A. Taylor, of Chicago, is typical: "I regret that, not only do we show no desire to aid in the restoration of Europe, but by means of such financial measures as the Fordney-McCumber tariff, do our utmost to prevent Europe from working out its own difficulties by means of its own efforts." Similarly, J. A. House, of Cleveland, warned that the European problem had attained such magnitude and acuteness that "the United States can no longer withhold its influence without suffering more by its exclusion than by its participation."

The authors of these opinions are not politicians, but intensely practical and extraordinarily well-informed students of business. They know, though the leaders of the Republican party appear to possess not the slightest trace of such knowledge, that the national government is pursuing a course of blindness and folly with respect to European affairs. They know that the fullest measure of prosperity can never be obtained by this country so long as the Old World struggles along in disorganization and nonproduction, in virtual bankruptcy. And they realize that nothing will so quickly or surely relieve those burdens as the intelligent interest on the part of the United States in Europe's affairs. Enactment of the Fordney-McCumber tariff appropriately crowned the Republican policy of aloofness, and it will require something besides the repeal of that blundering act to provide the country with an effective foreign program. The policy of the present administration was hopeless long before its stock of insanity was enlarged by the Fordney-McCumber addition.

Leave No Open Door

WHILE Representative Harrison's clear statement of the registration situation in the Seventh District leaves the Republican majority in Congress without a leg to stand on so far as Senator Paul's contest is concerned, it suggests a way to avert further trouble by the brutal majority rule that will meet Judge Harrison soon after Congress reconvenes. The Democratic District Committee should proceed to strict compliance with the election laws.

Their spirit has never been violated; only the letter. In the haste of registration when women were enfranchised in 1920, some of the new voters' names were placed on the books without complying with the requirement of filling out the application in their own handwriting. The fact is admitted. The women were qualified and entitled to register. It is significant that the Republican workers did not challenge them at the polls.

As Judge Harrison points out, had the Republican majority in the elections committee thrown out all the precincts where this technical irregularity took place, his majority over Senator Paul would have been increased, since more than half these precincts returned a majority of Republican votes. They did not do this because they wanted to unsettle the Democratic candidate.

Obviously the challenge of Republican District Chairman Beard to the Democratic organization looking to elimination of all such names and re-registration of the women voters was done for effect. Any such proposition made ninety days ago would have been worth something; advanced within a week of the time fixed by law for closing the books it presents what Mr. Beard must know is an impossibility. A demand of this sort made and accepted in August would have aroused the women to a determination to defeat the Republican nominee.

There may be other contests. The Democrats may well, as soon as the November election is over, proceed to compliance with the strict letter of the law, so as to leave future partisan committees in Washington no excuse with which to cloak their desire to steal a seat in Congress.

The Real Fan Will Help

IF Ben Johnson speaks with full knowledge concerning the gamblers' attack upon baseball, it must be hoped that there is an equal degree of certitude in his promise of a sweeping clean-up. The situation pictured by the American League president, even if somewhat exaggerated, clearly presents a grave problem for those to whom the security of the principal national game has been entrusted. As a matter of

fact, there is excellent reason to believe that Mr. Johnson has not materially overdrawn the picture. He refers especially to the rapid spread of the baseball pools. This nuisance and evident danger, he declares, has been worse during the present season than ever before. But the energetic American League chief adds: "I'm going to start a mopping up fight which will put those gamblers on the bench forever." And again: "It has obtained too long by far. And now we're going to end it for good."

It is significant that Mr. Johnson does not regard pools as mere local gambling schemes. He claims to have information proving the existence of pools operated on a national basis. One of them, he is convinced, is conducted by a man who was charged with a part in the corruption of the Chicago American League team several years ago. Mr. Johnson will have the sympathy of every genuine baseball fan in taking the position that "we can't stand to see a great sport like baseball hit in the face like this, and not protest." Also, he will have the loyal support of all decent fans in whatever move he may make with a view to "benching" the parasites.

Up With the Times

By H. O. D.
"Voice is heard across the Atlantic for the first time," proudly announces a New Jersey broadcasting station. Well, everybody knows Europe is listening more intently than ever before.

A contemporary observes that General Harkington must have been a diplomat before he became a soldier. Our own view is that his same handling of the Near Eastern situation proves he has never been, and can never be, a diplomat.

With "some unhappy days" behind him, Constantine says he does not "regret this revolution." In other words, as the world began to suspect several years ago, this king business ain't what it used to be.

The fact that the first voice heard across the Atlantic belongs to a woman may not be assessed as to its significance until it has been ascertained whether she was in a good humor or not.

Our confidential tip on the world series: Let the other fellow have the dope, and give your own choice out of a hat. Especially if it means anything financially.

The State Fair is also of some historical value, showing why the smartest of the early colonists decided to stop here.

It is noted in behalf of the new King of Greece that he weighs 270 pounds. No disrespect or bad luck is intended, but, as the man said, the bigger they come, the harder they fall.

Echoes From Down Home

If the tariff law loses votes in the proportion that it will lose foreign trade, it will appear to the Republicans pulled very thin wool over the people's eyes—Asheville Citizen.

The next administration move is a ship subsidy. It is as much Republican doctrine as a high tariff or favoritism in taxation. The principle is the same in all three policies—burden the many that the few may prosper. Mr. Harding is certain to do all he can to have the people subsidize the shipping companies.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The spindle increase for North Carolina has, for each succeeding year since 1912, been greater than in any other State and establishes beyond question the claim that the State has risen to a position of great importance in the cotton manufacturing industry. The increase for the last biennial period is 376,836. Rate of increase since 1915, being a total of 1,312,424, is 25 per cent. The output of North Carolina spindles consists of the very finest quality, the value of which, in proportion to number, exceeds that of any other rival. In the value of ticks and denim the State leads the entire country.—Winston-Salem Journal.

If the women are opposed to wearing long skirts, far be it from mere man to disagree with them.—Durham Herald.

Recently retired Associate Justice Clarke has made his first public speech and while he did not fulfill his promise to make defense of the league of nations, deferring that matter, perhaps, to a later day, he did make heroic defense of every American citizen, he believes, the people of the United States recognize as "a pillar of our national government, and the keystone of our national political fabric." It is every bit that and more. It is the nation's salvation from redism and anarchy, and because it has been made the object of attack by that class of people is all the more reason why every American citizen should stand firm in its defense. If they ever succeed in overthrowing the Supreme Court of the land, the destruction of the Constitution and of the American government, itself, will be a process of easy accomplishment. The Supreme Court is the nation's first line of defense.—Charlotte Observer.

This cool situation, in other words, is going to be a good deal like prohibition, as it appears to Harry Lauder. Arriving on our hospitable and profitable shores the other day, Sir Harry, being interviewed, observed that prohibition is all right for those who can afford it.—Greensboro News.

No Such Thing as "Mapp" Law.

(Clifton Forge Review.)
There are several newspapers in the State that always refer to the prohibition law as the Mapp law. In reporting arrests for bootlegging, operating an illicit distillery or transporting liquor, these newspapers tell of the offenders being charged with violating the Mapp law, whereas there is no such law in existence. We make the same point against the repeated reference to the Federal prohibition laws as the Volstead law. Because Senator Mapp happened to be the patron of the measure when it was before the General Assembly and Mr. Volstead the chairman of the committee that reported favorably on the existing law, is no reason why their names should be continually linked with it any more so than the other members of the two law-making bodies who voted for the enactment of the prohibition laws. While a bill is pending in a legislative body it is usually referred to in the name of the author or patron, but after it is adopted by a majority of the legislators and approved by the Governor or President as the case may be, all laws are either a State or Federal law, and not the creature of one or a dozen men. The lawbooks do not so designate the laws that are passed, and the chances are that there are some people who do not know what is meant when a newspaper says that John Blank was arrested for violation of the Mapp law or the Volstead law. But there could be no misunderstanding if these newspapers would report an offender charged with a violation of the prohibition law. This is one error that a great many newspapers make and we confess that there is no excuse for it.

SEEN ON THE SIDE

By HENRY EDWARD WARNER

My friends are many: in the trees
They whisper, flutter, sing and woo;
They rock them in a nursing breeze
And on the rooftops bill and coo.
There in my meadow friends of mine
Wait to be milked; they come and go
Quick to my call, tramp brush and vine,
And to my signal hark, and low.

One of my friends comes lovingly
To place his nose upon my lap,
There lies before the hearth, where he
Tail-taps the floor with many a rap!
And in the yard my friends in need
Flutter and flap and rush with glee,
Follow me where I drop the feed
And pick it up so greedily.

My friends are legion: in the sky
They wander, sheep-clouds, restless, fleet,
Dribbling with needles, sailing high,
Flirting with winds where current meet.
Far as the eye can see, from here
Over the fields to heaven's ends,
Everything moving I hold dear—
They are my friends, folks, they are my friends.

And I shall need no others, then,
Who have more friends than many men.

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought.
"I don't mind tupp' for otah cheek," said Charcoal Eph, in a mood, "providin' I kin bring around a good right fist on de point of my enemy jaw. Eat a pippie, Mistah Jackson."

Laganaple.
Manifestations of providence never hit a bum.
Laziness is next kin to ennui.
To pay one's debts is honorable, if inconvenient.

Unnatural.
A Reader sends this:
"Some one was struck with Johnny's appearance. 'My, Johnny,' she said, 'you are a fine, clean boy. I've never seen such clean hands and neck and ears!'"

As It Were.
Once upon a Time Labor met a Fairy.
"What your Heart wishes I will Grant You," said the Fairy. "Give me a four-hour day and a four-day week!" cried Labor. "It is yours!" said the Fairy. "Upon one condition, that you work the Four Hours Four Days." William Labor promptly rejected the Gift, and has Never Since Believed in Fairies.

At the Lyric.
The Lyric presents this week, for Fair Week, an unusually attractive bill. First mention of all should go to Shakes, Roth and Hewitt. They are a triple alliance of song, dance and fun. Their songs are varied, "peppy" and well selected. The dances are also good. One wishes to commend "The Great Alliance" on their clear pronunciation. Selborne and Albert do a clever and novel bit in the impersonation of the "Stray Cat." Arthur Lloyd, humorous card index, does a novel, unusual and card tricks rather cleverly.

Quinn Brothers and Smith present the corner comedy. "On the Street," their songs and dances are great. Telling, especially a military dance, and a ludicrous Egyptian song and dance.

Elmer Gilmore and Girls are seen in a somewhat lavish dance diversion. The costumes for the set to dancing is especially good, and her muscle control seems to be unlimited.

V. C.
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THRILLING MYSTERY PLAY

HOLDS ACADEMY PATRONS

"The Cat and the Canary"

Proves One of Best Seen

This Season.

By Virginia Lee Cox.

Kilbourn Gordon's production, "The Cat and the Canary," opened at the Academy last night to a fairly good house. The cast is excellent, and the character portrayal throughout splendid. It is a thrilling mystery that holds the audience breathless throughout. In the result, it is a first-class play.

The plot centers around the reading of an eccentric millionaire's will, twenty years after his death, in his home, which has been unoccupied for those twenty years. It is impossible to tell of a character who is a mystery, even to imagine how the play will end until the final curtain, but this element of suspense only adds to one's enjoyment.

Robert Toms, in the part of Paul Jones, a lovable, seemingly timid young man, supplies plenty of fun and laughs, which break the nervous strain of the spooky atmosphere, and make it possible to bear the tense dramatic moments. His performance is one of merit. Harriet, a lovely girl, plays the part of the heroine, and is splendid. Emily Taft is very lovely and appealing, and quite good in the character of Annabelle West, the sole heiress under the will. William Bonelli and Potter, who play the part of the butler and the maid, deserve special mention. The other members of the cast, who are also unusually good, are Ruford Armitage, Jeanne Powers, Harry E. Humphreys and Franklin Fox.

Altogether, "The Cat and the Canary" is one of the best plays Richmond has seen for some time, and is probably one of the best seen to see this year. It is admirably staged by Ira Harris who staged "The Thirteenth Chair." It is also very capably cast. Richmond's theatergoers should certainly not fail to see this thrilling mystery play.

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Moving Pictures

At the Bijou.

In "Grandma's Boy" Harold Lloyd is seen at the Bijou this week in a wholesome comedy that must be a welcome make-up of any kind, except for a pair of horn-rimmed glasses, Lloyd is consistently funny without resort to slapstick.

Among the reasons the picture outlines other attempts is that the picture is based on logical happenings, rather than a collection of unrelated incidents thrown together merely to invite chuckles. A good basic plot, with the story followed throughout, is the result.

Mr. Lloyd not only carries the comedy element of the picture, but also bears the burden of the dramatic moment which is a frequent throughout the production. In fact, for a moment he has lost sight of the fact that he is essentially and always a comedian. He has seen to it that the story deals with a first began—with a laugh.

An exceptionally good cast, headed by Mildred Davis, supports Mr. Lloyd. Anna Townsend, a collection of 75 years of age, gives a wonderful performance as the grandmother. Charles Stevenson and Dick Sutherland are seen to advantage also.

At the Colony.
Betty Compson, in "The Bonded Woman," which began a three days' engagement at the Colony yesterday, is a story of a woman who is a rough but big hearted first mate and the other a polished gentleman. He finds that the first mate is accused of theft and promises to marry the polished gentleman. At the last minute he decides to marry the rough mate and save him from the gallows, and she expressed it to the polished suit.

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